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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
ARLINGTON, MA 02174

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Dear Town Meeting Members,

Our APS Social Studies department sent this lesson along in April and my class just now was able to complete it. (It's been a busy year!) We realize you already voted, however, my students wanted to send their thoughts along to you.

Thank you for all that you do,
In appreciation,

Ms. Calcaterra and Students

Brackett Elementary *Grade 4*
2022-2023

Dear Town Meeting,

I believe that we should replace the arm and sword with the tree, because rather than reminding us of war and violence, it will remind us of the peace we now have with the Native Americans, and possibly even stop a feud with a Native American. Also in my opinion the tree is just much prettier than a decapitated arm, with a sword. I hope you will take this into consideration!

— Loren Fire Olivetti

Leo Strawn

Dear town meeting, i strongly

Recommend because it cost
a lot of money and it ^{shows} history

if they charged the fee the

indigenous might not be as

heard of. Just take

the sword off

from Olle Ranta

Dedertown meeting, i think
it should ^{not} change the
tag, because it cost
a lot of money and
its historical. you should
just take off the sword

Dear town Meeting, I Believe strongly
that we should change the
Flag to the coastline with
a Cod jumping out of the
ocean.

Brendan Gormley

Dear town meeting i strongly
belive it should not be changed
it shows a lot of history and
~~the~~ if they did change the
~~native~~^{Flag} the native americans
wont be as heard of

Dear town meeting, I believe
strongly that you should change
the flag. maybe it could be
a tree or even better the
shape of the state. William
Suter.

Dear Town meeting, i Believe the
Flag Should Be changed Because
it reminds indiginous peoples of the
Vidlence. massachusetts should replace
the arm with a cod
From Milo Heanve

Dear town Council, I believe the Flag Should not be
Changed. I think it shows our history and the indigenous People
Who we can never forget. And what ~~was~~ would we change,
It would also cost a lot of money. If we were
gonna change anything, I would change the arm at
the top to a tree. But that's it. But I still
don't want to change it. THANK YOU FOR
READING!!! ☺

From: Saoirse Jean McAuliffe

Dear Town Meeting, I believe the flag should not be changed. Because I think that it would be very much money to change the flag simple to something else. I also shows our history and about Indigenous People who we honor and the people we respect. One more reason is that I think personally that it is original and it simbles peace.

Thank you! ♥ ☺ 🐱

From: Addie Grace Kum

Dear town meeting, I think that
the flag should be changed to a
tree with showing roots to represent
the roots of the USA. - Alexander
Sexton

Dear Town Meeting, I think the town flag
should be changed because to me the sword
spreads violence and if we change it
it will not spread violence. Like if we
changed it to a tree or a Hill or
a cod. You get what I trying to say.
I just think it should not Be a
Sword.

Thank you!

from:

Lindsey

Anne

Macgillivray

— Sofia Patricia Paduette

I Strongly believe that the flag should be changed, into Showing
a Col which is presenting Peace but as well Violence in
a way. The Col Represents Peace because something that
is Important to the indigenous peoples ^{like} helping the
environment grow and JUST take what they need
from Nature but in a way it Shows Violence
of how when the British came and Partially
ruined their lives and Ruined their land. I think its
Important to keep history in our hearts and I
believe it is not good to hid the deathtion
Scary history and remember what had happened and remember
that we all Passed that and made Peace!.

by Sydney Pescatello

Dear town meeting, I believe strongly that we should change the Simble on the flag to a tree because,

1. we should change it to show the Native Americans more respect.
2. we should change it to a tree to show that we are at peace with the native americans and it will stay that way. And that concludes why I think we should change it to a tree.

Arinn Nain

I strongly agree we don't
change the flag

Dear Town Meeting, I believe strongly that the
Flag should be changed, because I want
to Respect Native Americans. Austin
Pescatello

Dear town meeting,

I believe that you should change the flag. The arm with a sword over the native american reminds me of the death and violence. We should remember this, just in a different way. Having the sword over the native american shows racism and looking down upon others. This is supposed to be a free country, so why represent racism. I believe the Mountains would be better, because they show power, but peace. If you were too remind us of violence in another way, like a weapon somewhere, that would be great. History can be harsh, so we should not repeat it. This is why we should remember the mistakes we made, just not in the way we are right now. I hope this letter encouraged you to change the flag, and thank you for reading - Mirabelle Cassidy McGraw